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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 10/710,716 Confirmation No. 4715  
Applicant: Ryan M. Hurlbutt Filed: July 29, 2004  
Title: Method of Manufacturing a  
Diaphragm Backing Plate  
Examiner: Daniel Crane TC/A.U.:3725  
Docket No. R.75404 Customer No. 022118

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing the changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.